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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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ELECTION RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 7, 2002, Applicants elect with traverse Group III, claims 1-15, 20-29, 30, 31, 32, 34 and 35-38 directed to a method of characterizing an analyte using a reporter comprising a mass marker detectable by mass spectrometry. The traversal is on the basis that all the groups utilizes the same compounds and therefore the search should be substantially co-extensive.

For the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the compound species contained in Figure 1 of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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